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FRIDAY 20 MAY

09.30 / 10.30 Registration

10.30 / 11.30

■ Welcome address

- Prof. Giovanni Puglisi, *President of Fondazione Banco di Sicilia and President of the UNESCO Italian National Commission*
- Amb. Giandomenico Magliano, *Director General for Globalization, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy*
- Dr. Francesco Attaguile, *Director General of International Relations, Regione Siciliana*

■ The regional outlook

- Dr. Carlos Condè, *Senior Programme Co-ordinator-MENA, OECD*
- Dr. Wissam H. Fattouh, *Secretary General of the Union of Arab Banks (UAB)*
- Dr. Giorgio Gomei, *Head of the International Relations and Studies Department, Bank of Italy*
- Dr. Emanuele Santi, *Senior Economist, African Development Bank (ADB)*

11.30 Coffee break

11.45 / 13.15

■ Key note speech

- Hon. Stefania Craxi, *Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Italy*

■ Economic and financial developments in the Mediterranean and MENA Region

- Hon. Latifa Akharbach, *Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Morocco*
- Hon. Jason Azzopardi, *Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Land Ministry of Finance the Economy and Investment, Malta*
- Amb. Constantine Papadopoulos, *Secretary General for International Economic Relations and Development Cooperation - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece*
- Amb. Asharaf Hamdy, *Deputy Assistant Minister for EU Western Europe and Coordinator for the Union of the Mediterranean, Egypt*
- Amb. Nawele Ben Romdhane Dhrif, *Director General for Euro-mediterranean Cooperation Ministry of Development and International Cooperation, Tunisia*

- Amb. Jassim Mohamed Alqassimi, *Director General for Economic Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates*
- Dr. Loay Sehwal, *Head of Directorate for Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Jordan*
- Mrs. Joanna Azzi, *Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the Mission of Lebanon to the EU, Lebanon*
- Mr. Georg Raab, *Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry, European Commission*
- Mr. Jorge Fabra, *Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain*
- Mrs. Beatrice Di Piazza, *Counselor, Embassy of France in Rome*

13.15 / 14.00

■ Experiences and models

- Mr. Nadim Kouri, *Director of Division for North Africa and the Middle East, IFAD*
- Dr. Pierfrancesco Gaggi, *Head of International Relations, Association of Italian Banks (ABI)*
- Dr. Federico Maria Bega, *Head of Mediterranean and Middle East Department PROMOS, Chamber of Commerce of Milan*
- Dr. Giammarco Boccia, *Head of Corporate and New Markets Division, SACE, Italy*
- Dr. Riccardo Honorati Bianchi, *Deputy Head of International Relations, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Italy*

14.00 / 15.00 Working Lunch

15.00 / 17.00

■ Prospects of a new international financial instrument for the SMEs in the Mediterranean/MENA region

- Prof. Luigi Paganetto and Prof. Pasquale Scandizzo, *Università degli Studi Roma, Tor Vergata*
- Mrs. Annie Cordet-Dupouy, *Sabaudia Consulting SARL*
- Mr. Hatem Abou Said, *Consultant to Union of Arab Banks (UAB)*
- Prof. Mohammed Nadir Aziza, *Director General, Osservatorio del Mediterraneo*
- Eng. Alessandro Ortis, *Energy Adviser, Assemblea Parlamentare del Mediterraneo*
- Dr. Alberto Castronovo, *Multilateral Finance Manager, SIMEST, Italy*

17.00 ■ Concluding remarks

- Hon. Stefania Craxi, *Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Italy*

20.30 Dinner hosted by Fondazione Banco di Sicilia

SATURDAY 21 MAY

09.00 / 12.00

- Guided sightseeing in Palermo organized by Fondazione Banco di Sicilia